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MISS ADELINE GEIGER.

DEATH OF ADELINE GEIGER.

DIED.—At the family residence at Marion, Iowa, Tuesday morning, October 29th, 1900, Adeline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Geiger, aged 24 years.

The publisher of the FREEMASON AND FEZ would vainly seek to express in words the sympathy of friends and readers with the editor and his estimable family in this, their hour of darkest grief. In the presence of such affliction sympathy itself is dumb and the silent hand-clasp alone seems to express feeling which goes too deep for human speech. For all the generations of men have sought to share sorrow with their fellows in vain. Only time, which inflicts the wound, can assuage the pain, and only faith and hope give consolation to the mourning ones.

Again and again death gathers the fairest flowers into his sheaves that angels may marvel at the beauty and purity of earth. The blossom, tenderly nurtured and shielded from the rough blasts, droops and dies; and never again can aught of earth exhale the same fragrance or exhibit the same beauty to him about whose very soul the tendrils of affection had entwined.

Into the family circle of our brother, where love kept constant guard, death came and closed the eyes and stilled the young heart of one for whom life promised much. The shadow lies black upon the hearth and hearts in this hitherto unbroken home. Yet even sorrow has its holier uses, and in the guise of the destroyer an angel sometimes comes to win tried souls to higher ranges of trust and aspiration.

"Music's memory first is known,
Not while the bird sings all day long,
But when the last faint-falling tone
Divides the silence from the song."

Among the Lodges.

E. C. BLACKMAR IS DEAD.

INTERMENT AT MARION—WAS PAST GRAND MASTER OF IOWA MASONS.

Cedar Rapids, Oct. 8th, 1900.

News is received in this city this morning of the death at Burlington, last night, of Edwin Carlton Blackmar, of the publishing firm of Acres, Blackmar & Co. Mr. Blackmar's acquaintances and friends in Cedar Rapids and throughout the state will receive the sad intelligence with sorrow. As past grand master of Masons in Iowa he achieved deserved honor and since laying down the gavel of authority in 1889 he has been continued as chairman of the trustees on grand charity fund. He has been sick for several months and on the occasion of the last grand lodge meeting in this city a message of fraternal sympathy was sent him by that body.

The funeral will be conducted by the Masonic grand lodge on Wednesday, at the home in Burlington, and the body will be brought to Marion for interment.

Edwin Carlton Blackmar was born at North Woodstock, Conn., September 7th, 1835. With his parents he removed to Ohio, while still a child, and remained in that state until 1853, when he emigrated to Iowa. With his father he settled at Glenwood, then the far west. Young Blackmar became a blacksmith and as such was later employed by the United States government.

While at Glenwood he attended the public school and secured a limited education but was forced to gain the knowledge for which he was afterwards distinguished, by his own unaided exertions.

In the summer of 1857 he married Miss Rebecca, daughter of Hon. J. W. Coolidge, one of the founders of Glenwood. Two children were the fruits of this marriage, both of whom are still alive.

In 1864 he removed to Des Moines and became engaged in the publishing business, which business he pursued since '67 in Burlington, where he has been a partner in the well known firm of Acres, Blackmar & Co. His wife having died in 1870, Mr. Blackmar was again united in marriage to Mrs. Hannah A. Charles, at Marion. He served throughout the war, part of the time as adjutant of the Thirty-first regiment of Iowa Infantry volunteers.

He is best known, however, in Cedar Rapids and the immediate vicinity, for his prominence in the Masonic order. In this he has filled all positions to the highest in the gift of the fraternity, being elected grand master for the years 1887-89.—*Gazette.*

WM. ELSOM IS DEAD.

PIONEER RESIDENT PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING, A PATIENT SUFFERER FROM AN INCURABLE MALADY FOR MANY MONTHS BUT WAS COURAGEOUS TO THE LAST.

Brief Sketch of an Interesting Life.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 9th, 1900.

At his home east of the city on Bever avenue, this forenoon occurred the death of William Elsom, a man well known and highly respected by all of our people to whom he was known. The end comes as a merciful release after long months of hopeless suffering from cancer of the stomach. In the spring Mr. Elsom underwent an operation in a Chicago hospital, but the disease had made too great inroads and he came home to await the end. A strong constitution and an iron will enabled him, almost without nourishment, to hold out through the slow months of suffering.

William Elsom was born July 10th, 1846, in the town of Spalding, Lincolnshire, England. When but ten years old he left home and found employment on an English railroad, which business he followed in various capacities, both in his native country and in America, until 1892.

For many years he had been chairman of the grand longe finance committee of the A. O. U. W., and upon the death two years ago of Grand Receiver Wilson, he was appointed to that office. At the succeeding session of the grand lodge he was elected to the place and at the last session re-elected. He had been one of the strongest supporters of that body in the state, upholding it during the period of its fallen

fortunes in Iowa, and being among those who have made possible the immense growth of later years.

In the Masonic bodies Mr. Elsom has been known far and wide as one of the best workers and as an authority upon the jurisprudence of the fraternity and also as a collector of Masonic literature. He was initiated in Cresent lodge in this city in 1874, exalted in Trowel chapter in 1876, and knighted in Apollo Commandery in 1886. In the blue lodge he has held all offices, and was Worshipful Master for the years 1885, 1886 and 1889. He also served as high priest of the chapter for two years. He was elected to the office of junior grand warden by the grand lodge of Iowa at its session in Cedar Rapids of June, 1894.

The funeral, in compliance with the desire of the deceased, will be under the auspices of the grand lodge of Workmen, whose officers have been this morning notified of his death. Being an active grand lodge officer of that organization it was but due to them who have so honored him that they perform the last services.

Mr. Elsom leaves a wife and three children to whom the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in this city and throughout the state will go out.—*Gazette.*

Bro. J. T. Merrill, superintendent of schools of Cedar Rapids, is critically ill with paralysis.

Bro. Geo. W. Bever is still very much afflicted.

Bro. Maj. Hamilton of "The Grand" is doing nicely, being able to walk about and attend to business.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

BY G. B. VAN SAUN, G. C.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Dyersville, Nov. 9, 10.
Hopkinton, 12, 13.
Strawberry Point, 14, 15.
Lodges, 3, 49, 51, 67, 125, 127, 132, 147, 165, 173, 187, 225, 286, 298, 551.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

DeWitt, 19, 20.
Delmar, 21, 22.
Sabula, 23, 24.
Lodges, 34, 36, 37, 44, 60, 93, 100, 169, 184, 208, 221, 255, 281, 324, 330, 556.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Anamosa, 27, 28.
Vinton, 30, Dec. 1.
Mt. Vernon, 5, 6.
Lodges, 6, 25, 46, 62, 81, 112, 139, 142, 155, 164, 175, 199, 200, 206, 263, 284, 362, 364, 421, 435, 500, 501, 523, 548.

The Royal Arch.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The usual two-days' school of instruction was held at the Masonic Temple, October 16th and 17th, 1900. Custodian Companion Geo. R. Turner, was alone in his glory, the others were detained at home. The State Register, with about the usual correctness of the daily press, gave the list of High Priests and Secretaries as the representatives at the Grand Chapter.

GRAND PROCEEDINGS.

At 9:30 A. M. Thursday Commandery No. 4 passed the Kirkwood, accompanied by the Iowa State Band, and the officers and members of the Grand Chapter fell in line and marched to the Masonic temple where the 47th Convocation Grand Chapter was opened by acting G. H. P. Companion N. B. Hyatt in form. The Temple was appropriately and tastefully decorated.

Grand High Priest, B. F. Parker, was absent. After the opening, Companion Judge Bishop of Des Moines delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the two chapters who took the place of Companion Lafe Young. The address was responded to by the acting Grand High Priest in the absence of Companion E. H. Addison.

The acting Grand High Priest read his address. The following Past Grand High Priests have died.

L. S. Swafford, Nov. 13, 1899, 1864.
H. S. Winslow, Dec. 11, 1899, 1875-7.
E. A. Guilbert, March 4th, 1900, 1871-2.

One hundred and three companions have passed the vale since last year. Of additions we have 538 exaltations; 102 by cards; 33 reinstatements, making the net increase 394. One new chapter was formed at Oelwein.

The Grand High Priest showed a commendable diffidence to institute new chapters without strong evidences of need and stability. The Chapter at Newell has been removed to Storm Lake. The Chapter at Sanborn has removed to Primghar. The address develops an ommission in the removal of the Chapter from Glidden to Carroll. The Grand Chapter has never approved the *permanent* home and to heal this should take action here.

Companions who are carrying *Lodge* demits had better get in line as the recommendation to compel Lodge affiliation to hold companionship, was passed, thus backing up the Templar law. The list of committees was read. The reports of the other grand officers were read. The Grand Treasurer reports:

On hand, 1899	$ 5,054.49
Received since	6,128.40
Total	$11,182.89
Paid out	$ 6,049.37
On hand	5,133.52

The Grand Secretary reported every Chapter has made its returns. The fire loss and damages to the Grand Chapter property has as far as possible been repaired. The increase of the past year has been greater than for many years past.

The report on correspondence was made by P. G. H. P. Ercanbrack. Thomas could not make a report without interpolations of poetry and this report is as fully embellished as usual and is to be commended much for that as well as other excellencies. Letters were read from G. H. P. Parker, T. S. Parvin, A. W. Dougherty, Clark Varnum, H. H. Hemingway and C. S. Fletcher.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand High Priest, N. B. Hyatt, of Webster City; Deputy, Dr. T. B. Lacy of Council Bluffs; Grand King, I. P. Wilson, of Burlington. Grand Scribe, G. R. Turner of Waterloo; Grand Treasurer, H. C. Shadbolt, Emmetsburg; Grand Secretary, Alf. Wingate, Des Moines; Custodians, C. O. Greever, Des Moines, six years, A. Biddeson, Leon, four years.

The report of the committee on credentials showed 106 chapters represented by 132 delegates, 13 grand officers, 11 past grand high priests, 1 custodian, 1 past grand scribe, present.

Bro. Hart's letter of excuse owing to sickness was received.

A. S. Laurence sent in his resignation as one of the custodians and it was accepted.

The petition of Companions for the restoration of the Charter of a Chapter at Grinnell, was approved and the same is to be restored. All applicants for restorations were restored. A resolution of compliment was voted to Companion Laurence, unanimously.

The Cryptic Rituals were ordered returned by chapters still holding them and an excuse for the delay required.

The Grand Scribe reported on the death of Companion E. C. Blackmar.

Companion Craig reported upon the Grand Officers jewels, providing new ones, more suitable, and the same was allowed. New banners ordered, the cost was estimated at $350.00 and the amount was voted. The stationery, blanks, seals, records, rituals, etc., of the late Grand Council R. and S. M. were ordered turned over to the Grand Recorder of the present Grand Council.

The next convocation was fixed at Davenport, Iowa.

The trustees of the Parish Fund reported there has been nothing realized upon the bequest as yet. The trustees were allowed to bid off unsold property under certain limitations. It was ordered that the memorial of E. C. Blackmar be printed in the Journal.

The amendment to the laws of Sec. 1, Article 2, to make the charity fund more permanent, and changing the percentage from 10 to 5 per cent of the gross income of the Grand Chapter which goes into this fund. The permanent fund is now about twelve thousand dollars. Last year they paid out sixty thousand dollars. This year they recommend the payment of seventy thousand.

The Parish Fund trustees were re-elected. The amendments offered from Adelphi Chapter to the Code were laid over to next year. The Bedford case was reported on by the committee on Appeals and decided against the offending officers, and the matter of rescinding the order of arrest left with the Grand High Priest.

The funds belonging to the former grand council which came into the grand chapter, nearly $10,000, were ordered returned to the new grand council.

The amendment reducing mileage from six to five cents per mile was rejected.

One high priest ninety-three years of age being present, a resolution of salutation was passed.

The committee on mileage reported total mileage about $150,000.

The appointed officers were announced: Grand Chaplain, T. C. McFarland, Williamsburg; C. of H., J. S. Harlan, Atlantic; P. S., A. W. Kinkaid, Mt. Pleasant; R. A. C., W. S. Porter, Eldora; M. 3d V. J. W. Cory, Spencer; M. 2d V., A. B. Harris, New Hampton; M. 1st V., L. W. Knowlton, Osage; G. Gd., A. N. Alberson, Washington. The Installation of Grand officers was by P. G. H. P's. A. R. Dewey and H. MacNeal.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS MEET.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER IN SESSION AT CINCINNATI CHOOSES OFFICERS FOR THREE YEARS.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept 26.—The general grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons today elected the following officers to serve the next three years: General Grand High Priest, James W. Taylor, Lutherville, Ga.; Deputy General Grand High Priest, Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass. General Grand King William, Joseph E. Dyas, Paris, Ill. General Grand Scribe, Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee. General Grand Treasurer, John M. Carter, Cincinnati. General Grand Secretary, Christopher Fox, Buffalo. General Grand Captain of the Host, Nathan Kingsley, Austin, Minn. General Grand Principal Sojourner, B. C. Witt, Henderson, Ky. General Grand Royal Arch Captain, J. E. Carson, Washington, D. C. General Grand Master of Third Veil, F. W. Craig, Des Moines. General Grand Master of the Sacred Veil, William F. Kuhn, Kansas City. General Grand Master of the First Veil, Bester G. Brown, Topeka, Kansas. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. William C. Otte, Cincinnati. Grand Sentinel, Geo. W. Fels, Cincinnatti.

The Council.

GRAND COUNCIL FORMED.

To begin at the beginning, the first Council of R. & S. M. (Webb No. 7 of Muscatine) by the Grand Council of Illinois, V. D. Feb. 9, 1855. In Iowa previous to '55 the degrees were conferred in R. A. Chapters (as they were again from 1878 to 1900). The Grand Council of Iowa was formed January 1, 1857, and merged with the Grand Chapter, October 16, 1878. The present separation was brought about at the grand chapter of 1898 and a grand council formed at Des Moines, October 15, 1900, thus once more making legitimate council membership possible to Iowa.

The grand council was organized with the following officers: M. P. G. M., A. R. Dewey, Washington. Deputy, W. F. Cleveland, Harlan. P. C. W., F. W. Craig, Des Moines. G. Tr., R. C. Hoffman, Oskaloosa. G. R., Alf. Wingate, Des Moines. There were eleven constituent chapters, and three applicants for charters. (The original grand council in 1857 was started with three councils). The other grand officers were: G. C. G., Geo. R. Turner, Waterloo. G. C. C., J. F. Woody, Guthrie Center. G. C., J. M. Pearce, Manchester. G. S , Thomas Adamson, LeMars. G. Sen., Amos Alberson, Washington.

A WISE MOVE.

A conference of the representatives of twelve chapters with Cedar Rapids as a center met after grand chapter, Oct. 18, and formed a preliminary organizatiou with Companion C. H. Cogswell as President and Companion Jno. W. Geiger as Secretary. It is intended to get out a circular asking the co-operation of those companions near enough to co-operate, then formulate a petition to the grand master for a council V. D. at Cedar Rapids which shall meet for work twice or oftener each year, doing the ceremonials by classes so as to make it inexpensive for those who co-operate. Correspondence is invited on this point.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati, Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa. Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
N. B. HYATT.....Mason City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
D. M. BROWNLEE...Sioux City..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.
FREDA OPPENHEIMER Webster City GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B. WINSOR,..Reed City, Mich....IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Abolish all mileage and per diem provisions in all the Grand bodies in Iowa. Let the per capita tax be proportionately reduced. Throw the question of expenses of attendance upon the subordinate bodies. Keep this idea alive.

REMOVAL.—After November 14th all mail will have to be directed to 216 South Sixth Street, Cedar Rapids. All exchanges please note this so that we may have the benefit of the change.

ILL-TIMED CRITICISMS.

We used to go miles afield to be at some of George VanSaun's "schools" and we've nothing but praise for his ability as a custodian, but we've cooled on the divertisement that always grew out of the rendition. What's a custodian for if his lecture, following the ceremonies, does not correct the mistakes, rather than leave it to each one present to drive up all his recollections of the work, "the way they did it in Pennsylvania." It may be true that the custodian changes from year to year, that "words, tokens and points of enterance' look different and sound different to what they did back in the "seventies," yet we shall hold that of the two authorities we'll take "George." In closing we note a communication in Maine where three lodges did the work competitively, with the effect that a brother writes in the *Freemason of New England* his disappointment at the result. Let all things be done decently and in order, especially with dignity.

NOT A CRIME, ONLY A BLUNDER.

The *Illinois Freemason* detects a brother under suspension for n. p. ds., having satisfied another brother that he was a Mason but failed to tell him that he was in debt, "going up to the temple to pray," and straightway the I. F. reads him a homily on the dishonesty of his act. Now, comes the "Trestle Board," non-conformist though it is, and charges all such opinions against the "amalgamation of benefit societies with charitable institutions." Gimminy! Then up goes the hard shell proposition that "once a Mason, always a Mason is an old adage." How old? We don't differ with the final opinion that "we can see no harm done by the action, so long as he took no part and did not disturb the harmony of the lodge." Yet we must remind both of these distinguished contemporaries that a good bit of the stuff gotten off in these days about Masonic privileges to those who can but won't pay their share, is not forceful nor convincing.

The Mystic Shrine.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

BY THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER VII.

1885.

The eleventh annual session of the Imperial Council was held in the Masonic temple, New York City, June 4th, 1885.

The Imperial Potentate's address showed that the order was steadily progressing. Illustrious John S Dickerman of Albany, N. Y. had passed away during the year. Reference was also made to the death of Noble Wm. V. Alexander of New York.

New Temples V. D. had been formed at Buffalo, Louisville, Ky., Milwaukee, Wis., and New Orleans, La As is well known to all, these swarthy children of the desert have each developed into a giant in our order today.

The long struggle for financial footing seems now to be over and success smiles upon the little army of fezes. The securing of its own separate building by LuLu Temple, Philadelphia, and the dedication thereof called for compliment.

The total income of the Council for this year was $1,107.03 while $665.00 was the total of disbursements, leaving $442.03 on hand. Twenty-four temples are reported with a combined membership of 2,243, an increase over last year of 783.

The law was amended so as to require deputies to pay a fee of $10 (whether annually is not said) and $5 for a copy of the Ritual. The proceedings were ordered printed and without having much more to do the council was closed.

1886.

The twelfth annual session of the council was held at 184 Superior street, Cleveland, O, June 14th 1886. This was also the year for the triennial election of officers. Among the new temples this year came Osman, St. Paul; Zuhrah, Minneapolis; and here came in the same spirit that always curses the well intended efforts of those who think if one Temple in a state is a good thing two must be better still. For awhile things looked gloomy up north but thank Allah! the twin temples of the twin cities now dwell together peacefully. Also Almos, Washington, D. C.; Palestine, Newport, R. I.; El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Saladin, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Moolah, St. Louis and Acca, Richmond, Va., and as said of the new temples of 1885 so may be repeated for this year, each one has become a giant in the order.

The finances show receipts including:
C. O. C.....$ 3,590.03
Disbursements.....1,856.90
Balance on hand.....$ 1,733.13

Total membership, 3273; increase 968. Thirty-two temples are reported.

General readers will pardon our quotation of what is locally interesting here:

"February 9th, 1886, I granted dispensation and authority to Illustrious Noble James Morton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to form and open a Temple of the order at the above named city, under the chosen title of El Kahir Temple, on the endorsement and recommendation of Ill. Deputy of the State of Iowa, Noble Frank W. Angel, also endorsed by Pyramid (now Kaaba) Temple of Davenport, Iowa."

The following officers were chosen for three years:

Imperial Potentate, Sam Briggs Cleveland.
Imperial deputy, Jos. B. Eakins, N. Y.
" chief rabban, Jas. H. Thompson, Chicago.
Imperial A. R., Henry E. Hosley, Boston
" H. P., John T. Brush, Indianapolis.
Imperial O. G., James McGee, N. Y.
" Treasurer, J. M. Levey, N. Y.
" Recorder, Wm. S. Patterson, N.Y.
" 1 C. M., Chas. H Flach, Cincinnati.
Imperial 2 C. M., Wm. Ryan, Louisville.
" Marshal, Clarence B. Mason, Newport, R. I.
Imperial C. G., Geo. E. Pautlind, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Imperial Outer Guard, Thos. J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pa.
Directory: Walter M. Fleming, Geo. W. Millar, N. Y., W. B. Melish, Cincinnati.

Among the charters granted at this session was one for El Kahir Temple of this city.

To be continued.

The recent grand entertainment given by Islam temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., for the benefit of the Masonic home foots up the handsome sum of $1,084.50. This amount has been paid to Bro. Chas. L. Patton, grand master, who is likewise president of the home. Islam Temple has done nobly in thus aiding a most worthy charity, and to the Ill. Potentate, Noble R. P. Hurlbut, who suggested the idea of the entertainment, and who pushed it to such eminent success the thanks of the fraternity are due and likewise to all the nobles who so generously and efficiently aided him. The odges, chapters and commanderies of the state which have seen fit to let out an occasional criticism upon the Shrine, are invited to emulate the zeal of Islam Temple in the interests of the Home. Here is an example of activity, brethren, worthy of imitation. Which organization among the sons of light in this state will reach the high water mark of $1,084.50? Islam Temple will not be jealous if any organization goes way beyond the thousand dollar mark.. It will only stimulate the Shriners to go them a thousand better. Try it, brethren.—*Trestle Board.*

Will the *American Tyler* please copy?—EDITOR.

Recorder Ellison of Mecca wonders why so many of his nobles lose their passports through being "touched." That's easy.

The notice for El Kahir Temple's annual, December 12, will be out by Nov. 15th.

All the deceased and afflicted ones named in this number were or are nobles.

Will nobles please notice our premium card offer and act accordingly.

Fraternities.

Thomas B. Hanley was re-elected Supreme President of the Modern Brotherhood of America, at their Supreme Lodge, October 11th, last.

Hon. John A. Hinsey again takes the helm of the endowment rank K. of P., as President of its Board of Control.

William Elsom of this city, was one of the trusted grand officers of the loyal A. O. U. W. in Iowa.

The good done by the allied fraternities in single instances out-weighs all objections to their number or increase.

Book Table and Invitations.

Thanks (as usual to Gil W. Barnard) for an invitation to the semi-centennial of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Illinois, at Chicago, Oct. 25, 26, 1900.

We have from E Sir Alf. Wingate the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Iowa K. T. for 1900. The volume is gotten up in the usually tasteful and artistic style. A portrait of P. G. C. Pettibone and cuts of buildings and the steamer "Templar" adorn the pages.

From Grand Secretary W. H. Mayo of St. Louis, Mo. we have the proceedings of the grand commandery and grand council of Missouri for 1900.

We acknowledge from Secretary H. H. Allen an invitation to attend the mask ball of the Kansas City Karnival Krewe, October 5th. Regrets.

From Gil W. Barnard we have numerous important documents this month.

E. A. Armstrong Manufacturing Company of Chicago have bought out a seventy-five page pamphlet giving a "Historical Sketch of the Cryptic Rite Pilgrimage to Colorado and Pikes Peak, August 6—13, 1899. It is beautifully illustrated with half-tone cuts and is a valuable addition to our Masonic library.

APPEALS FOR TEXAS.

Appeals for the sending of help to the sufferers from the Texas floods came from the secretary general, F. Webber of the S. M. J. Scottish Rite supreme council, from Lou B. Wisner, Imperial Potentate Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine.

Elkahir Temple sent $50 to the Recorder of the Temple at Austin.

The Veteran Freemasons Ancient Society congregated in its fifteenth annual assembly at Smith's Inn, 65 Sibley Road, October 24, A. L. 5900, A. D., 1900. Brother John Corson Smith is the venerable chief. Accompanying our invitation was one from Mrs. Smith, desiring our dame to accompany us. We were sorry to have to send regrets.

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